

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL
Ad hoc Committee on Regionalism
Thursday, March 4, 2010
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
6:00 pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: E. Paterson, G. Haddad, M. Hart, M. Lindsey
Staff Present: M. Capriola, Chief D. Dagon

2. Approval of January 26, 2010 Minutes

By consensus, the Committee approved the minutes from January 26, 2010; Paterson abstained.

3. Updates

Mr. Hart provided an update regarding the following initiatives:

- a. *WINCOG Regional Economic Development Plan* – The plan recommends establishing a regional economic development organization for the region. Those present discussed the pros and cons to marketing ourselves as a region and participating in economic development initiatives as a region.
- b. *Probate Court Consolidation* – Two potential locations (Mansfield, Tolland) have been identified, but both locations have space limitations. The location and name of the court for Mansfield-Tolland-Coventry-Willington has yet to be determined.
- c. *Ad hoc Regionalization Study Committee* – This group is looking at regionalization opportunities for grades PreK-8 for Mansfield-Ashford-Willington. The group's next meeting is March 18th. The superintendents have been meeting as a sub-committee and will be reporting back to the group as a whole
- d. *Governor's Council for Local Public Health Regionalization* – Mr. Hart is serving on this Committee and reported on its activities. The Committee has completed its report and submitted it to the Governor around the 1st of the year.

4. Police Services Study

Members and staff reviewed and discussed the six responses to the Town's police services study request for qualifications (RFQ). The Committee will interview five of the six respondents in early April.

5. Other Opportunities for Regional and Shared Services

Mr. Hart provided an update on MORE – the Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies Committee. Mr. Hart is serving on the town functions group of this Committee. The group is looking at opportunities for sharing services and the feasibility of sharing these services.

6. Adjournment

The members adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager